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In re Application of:	) PATENT
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TOOTH IDENTIFICATION ON DIGITAL X IMAGES AND ASSIGNMENT IMAGES	•
RES	PONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice mailed November 19, 2003, shown by the enclosed copy.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, lines 21 to 29, replace the paragraphs as follows:

Fig. 1 shows, diagrammatically, how teeth-are specified information from an x-ray apparatus and the patient to be used following image recognition;

Fig. 2A shows information which has been assigned to an object (tooth) a recognized tooth depicted by an appropriate frame;

Fig. 2B is a view similar to Fig. 2A;

Figs. 3a, b show a pop-up menu for an object;

Fig. 3 shows a possible mode of representation of information that has been assigned to objects;

Fig. 4 shows a panoramic image depicting a recognized tooth.

Figs. 4A and B show a possible method of managing digital x-ray images.